

mines that it is appropriate, taking into consideration—

“(A) the number of billets on the fisheries, hydrographic, and oceanographic vessels owned and operated by the Administration;

“(B) the need of the Administration to collect high-quality oceanographic, fisheries, and hydrographic data and information on a continuing basis;

“(C) the need for effective and safe operation of the Administration's fisheries, hydrographic and oceanographic vessels;

“(D) the need for effective management of the commissioned Corps; and

“(E) the protection of the interests of taxpayers.

“(3) At least 90 days before beginning any reduction as described in paragraph (2), the Administrator shall provide notice of such reduction to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committees on Resources of the House of Representatives.”

(b) OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND VESSEL FLEET.—Section 24(a) of the Coast and Geodetic Survey Commissioned Officers' Act of 1948 (33 U.S.C. 853u(a)) is amended by inserting “One such position shall be appointed from the officers on the active duty promotion list serving in or above the grade of captain, and who shall be responsible for administration of the commissioned officers, and for oversight of the operation of the vessel fleet, of the Administration.” before “An officer”.

(c) RELIEF FROM MORATORIUM ON NEW APPOINTMENTS.—The Secretary of Commerce immediately shall terminate the moratorium on new appointments of commissioned officers to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps.

TITLE IV—NORTHWEST STRAITS MARINE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act”.

SEC. 402. ESTABLISHMENT.

There is established a commission to be known as the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission (in this title referred to as the “Commission”).

SEC. 403. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION.

The Commission shall be organized and operated in accordance with the provisions of the Northwest Straits Citizen's Advisory Commission Report of August 20, 1998, on file with the Secretary of Commerce (in this title referred to as the “Report”).

SEC. 404. FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce may, from amounts available to the Secretary to carry out the work of the Commission, provide assistance for use in accordance with the Report and the priorities of the Commission—

(1) to collect marine resources data in the Northwest Straits;

(2) to coordinate Federal, state and local marine resources protection and restoration activities in the Northwest Straits; and

(3) to carry out other activities identified in the Report as important to the protection and restoration of marine resources in the Northwest Straits.

(b) PROVISION.—The Secretary may provide the assistance authorized by subsection (a) through the Director of the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, unless the Governor of the State of Washington objects. If the Governor objects, then the Secretary may provide the assistance through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SEC. 405. LIMITATION.

Nothing in this title provides the Commission with the authority to implement any Federal law or regulation.

When said bill, as amended, was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: “An Act to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Poland, and for other purposes.”

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the bill, as amended, was passed and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendment.

¶109.14 FALL RIVER WATER DISTRICT

On motion of Mr. HANSEN, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Resources was discharged from further consideration of the bill of the Senate (S. 744) to authorize the construction of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Fall River Water Users District, a non-profit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes.

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶109.15 ROGUE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

On motion of Mr. HANSEN, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Resources was discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4326) to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal lands located within or adjacent to the Rogue River National Forest and to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Land Management to sell and exchange other Federal lands in Oregon.

Mr. HANSEN submitted the following amendment in the nature of a substitute which was agreed to:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Oregon Public Lands Transfer and Protection Act of 1998”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Land transfers involving Rogue River National Forest and other public lands in Oregon.

Sec. 3. Protection of Oregon and California Railroad grant lands

Sec. 4. Hart Mountain jurisdictional transfers, Oregon.

Sec. 5. Boundary expansion, Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, Oregon.

Sec. 6. Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project, Salem, Oregon.

Sec. 7. Conveyance to Deschutes County, Oregon.

SEC. 2. LAND TRANSFERS INVOLVING ROGUE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST AND OTHER PUBLIC LANDS IN OREGON.

(a) MAP REFERENCES.—In this section:

(1) The term “maps 1 and 2” refers to the maps entitled “BLM/Rogue River NF Administrative Jurisdiction Transfer, North Half” and “BLM/Rogue River NF Administrative Jurisdiction Transfer, South Half”, both dated April 28, 1998.

(2) The term “maps 3 and 4” refers to the maps entitled “BLM/Rogue River NF Boundary Adjustment, North Half” and “BLM/Rogue River NF Boundary Adjustment, South Half”, both dated April 28, 1998.

(b) TRANSFER FROM PUBLIC DOMAIN TO NATIONAL FOREST.—

(1) LAND TRANSFER.—The public domain lands depicted on maps 1 and 2 consisting of approximately 2,058 acres within the external boundaries of Rogue River National Forest in the State of Oregon are hereby added to and made a part of Rogue River National Forest.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—Administrative jurisdiction over the lands described in paragraph (1) is hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture. Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of Agriculture shall manage such lands as part of Rogue River National Forest in accordance with the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly known as the Weeks Law), and under the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the National Forest System.

(c) TRANSFER FROM NATIONAL FOREST TO PUBLIC DOMAIN.—

(1) LAND TRANSFER.—The Federal lands depicted on maps 1 and 2 consisting of approximately 1,632 acres within the external boundaries of Rogue River National Forest are hereby transferred to unreserved public domain status, and their status as part of Rogue River National Forest and the National Forest System is hereby revoked.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—Administrative jurisdiction over the lands described in paragraph (1) is hereby transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of the Interior. Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior shall administer such lands under the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to unreserved public domain lands.

(d) RESTORATION OF STATUS OF CERTAIN NATIONAL FOREST LANDS AS REVESTED RAILROAD GRANT LANDS.—

(1) RESTORATION OF EARLIER STATUS.—The Federal lands depicted on maps 1 and 2 consisting of approximately 4,298 acres within the external boundaries of Rogue River National Forest are hereby restored to the status of revested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands, and their status as part of Rogue River National Forest and the National Forest System is hereby revoked.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—Administrative jurisdiction over the lands described in paragraph (1) is hereby transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of the Interior. Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior shall administer such lands under the Act of August 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C. 1181a et seq.), and other laws, rules, and regulations applicable to revested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

(e) ADDITION OF CERTAIN REVESTED RAILROAD GRANT LANDS TO NATIONAL FOREST.—

(1) LAND TRANSFER.—The revested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands depicted on maps 1 and 2 consisting of approximately 960 acres within the external boundaries of Rogue River National Forest are hereby added to and made a part of Rogue River National Forest.